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SUBJECT: PRODUCT OPPORTUNITY: BUSES FOR TAIWAN HIGHWAY

- BUREAU'S TAIPEI/TAOYUAN AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE

REF: (A) STATE 164421 (B) TAIPEI 2757

1. PRESS REPORTS, INCLUDING THE ONE CITED IN REFTEL A, ARE INVARIABLY ERRONEOUS. FACTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: 58 SHUTTLE BUSES ARE CURRENT REQUIREMENT OF TAIWAN HIGHWAY BUREAU (THB) FOR THE AIRPORT SHUTTLE, IN MAY THE TAIWAN PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE URGED THE TO BUY "CHUNG HSING" TYPE MERCEDES BUSES ASSEMBLED IN TAIWAN FROM IMPORTED CHASSIS AND BODIES, AND THIS PROPOSED PURCHASE IS NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

2. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER LACK OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING (FROM BUY-MORE-IN-AMERICA STAND-POINT) TO TAIWAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT'S COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL JEFFERSON CHANG AND (FROM STANDPOINT OF NTM CODE IN US/ROC TRADE NEGOTIATIONS) TO VICE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS Y T WONG.

3. REPS FOR BOTH GREYHOUND AND GM HAVE BEEN ASSIDUOUSLY APPROACHING ROC GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND HAVE CONVINCINGLY UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOWN SUPERIORITY OF THEIR SPECIALLY DESIGNED AIRPORT BUSES OVER THE STANDARD MERCEDES BUS WHICH HAS INSUFFICIENT LUGGAGE SPACE AND NO INTEGRAL AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM. REPORTEDLY, ROC MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES AT AIRPORT PREFER A BETTER BUS FOR INTERNATIONAL TOURISTS THAN THE "CHUNG HSING" MERCEDES BUSES, WHICH ARE NOW ONLY USED FOR SHORT-HAUL PASSENGER

SERVICE FROM TAIPEI TO TAICHUNG AND TAICHUNG TO KAOHSIUNG.

4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS MATTER WITH
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND TAIWAN
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